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In **SUPPORT** of Raised Bill No. 1137

*AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATORS AND PROPERTIES.*

Chairwoman Rahman, Chairman Sanchez, and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, I am here to testify in **support** of Raised Bill 1137, *AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATORS AND PROPERTIES.*

My name is Cathy Osten and I represent the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes the towns of Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague.

I am writing in support of Raised Bill No. 1137 specifically section 2 which would allow municipalities to engage consultants to assist in the development of ordinances and regulations concerning short-term rental properties. As you may know, the City of Norwich has an abundance of short-term rental units. In speaking with the Mayor, City Council, and the city's corporation counsel, it is my understanding that we need to clarify state statute to allow cities and towns to engage consultants and to adopt local ordinances regarding the licensing, regulating and enforcement of short-term rental properties.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Raised Bill No. 1137. I look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.